





EMARK OFFICE

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

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HIGH FIELD OPEN MRI MAGNET ISOLATION SYSTEM AND METHOD

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed January 24, 2002, Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, Group I, claims 1-22 for examination on the merits. Applicants request that claims 23-38 of Group II be rejoined under the rejoinder procedure provided in MPEP § 821.04 upon allowance of at least one claim of Group I of the same or broader scope. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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Should additional fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this paper, or if a petition for extension of time is required for timely acceptance of same, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account No. 19-0741 for any such fees; and applicant hereby petitions for any needed extension of time.